

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
July 12, 2021 – Minutes, Revised

Present: J. Francisco, S. Mordini, A. Workman, H. Kierzek

Francisco called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Legal posting of the Agenda has been met. Mordini motioned and Kierzek seconded approval of the June 14 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Workman moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Schlender. Motion carried.

Action Items

- a. Discuss and consider recommending to the City Council offering to purchase property at 825 2nd Ave. for the purpose of connecting the Riverwalk at Mary Rountree Evans Park.
Feedback was received from a neighboring property owner requesting the City to provide a survey of the property to establish property boundaries. A previous neighbor requested this before and was told the City does not provide that service; homeowners can pay to obtain their own surveys. Another option is to improve the painted markings of the route that currently goes up the Rountree park driveway, across the street and establish a bike lane on 2nd Ave, or establish a sidewalk route on the south side of the street. A survey could cost ~\$450. An option could be a bridge constructed (~\$600,000) to the south side of the river that would accommodate the GST route because City owns the property on the south side to connect to the Lower Oschner park trail.
Kierzek motioned and Mordini seconded to recommend to the Public Safety Committee that the sidewalk on 2nd and Ridge St be made ADA compliant.
- b. Discuss and consider allowing Friends of Baraboo Parks to hold a fundraising event for the new splashpad at Attridge Park on August 21, 2021, ~11 am – 4 pm. This event will raise awareness and money for the Splashpad project. Schlender recommended and Mordini seconded approval of fundraising event for the splashpad project at Attridge Park. Motion carried.
- c. Discuss and consider allowing Friends of the Baraboo Zoo to hold Zoo Crew (fundraising event) at Ochsner Park August 29, 2021. This event has been held for years in May, but the planning committee would like to move the event to August because of competing events happening in June. Kierzek motioned and Schlender seconded approval of the Zoo Crew fundraising event Aug. 29. Motion carried.
- d. Discuss and consider entering into a partnership with Optum to allow UHC Medicare Planholders use of the Civic Center fitness rooms under the Renew Active program. This is a service for local people to get a membership at the Fitness center to join for \$20 per month that Medicare would reimburse. Currently, monthly memberships for the fitness center are \$17 for resident, \$22 for non-resident. This cost would split the difference for the Medicare eligible population, so there is no advantage or disadvantage to the City. Mordini motioned and Schlender seconded accepting the Optum proposal to allow UHC Medicare Planholders use of the Civic Center fitness rooms under the Renew Active program for \$20/month. Discussion followed on what paperwork would be required from Medicare; Hardy will investigate the paperwork requirements further. Motion carried.
- e. Discuss and consider Department re-organization proposal. Hardy provided context for the change through staff retirements and changes. "Forestry" is changed to "Conservation" Department. The Parks department would like to separate the Grounds and Facilities Manager positions, add "Trails" to the Forestry Manager position title, and add a Forestry Intern if the budget is available.
Workman motioned and Kierzek seconded recommending to the Finance and Personnel committee to accept the staffing re-organization proposal provided by Hardy for the Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department.

Information Items

- a. Staff Report submitted by Hardy.

Revenues for the month of June 2021: \$49,207.07

b. Subcommittee reports

1. Splashpad committee did not meet last month, but have been receiving donations through fundraising. Current budget: just under \$50,000. Applied for matching grant by May 1 deadline; should hear in October if accepted.
2. CORP Committee spent 2 hours reviewing all recommendation items to vote on #1, 2 and 3 priority rankings. Goal is to submit final recommendations to Parks & Rec committee by end of August.

Next scheduled meeting: Aug 9, 2021, at 5:30 pm

Kierzek motioned and Workman seconded to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Workman, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Committee